

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council Meeting Summary
May 18 - 19, 2006
MACo Building, Helena

Members Present:

Dan Weinberg, Gerald Pease, Mignon Waterman, Gary Popiel, Joyce DeCunzo, Mary Dalton, Barb Hogg, Frank Podobnik, Drew Schoening, Suzanne Hopkins, Jo Shipman, Bill Kennedy, Jim FitzGerald, Joan Daly, Bob Jahner, Jacob Wagner, Tom Peluso, Leslie Edgcomb

Members Excused:

Kim Coddling, Kathleen Nelson, Don Harr, Boyd Roth, Pam Koepplin

AMDD and HRD Staff Present:

Carol Davidson, Lou Thompson, Deb Sanchez, Dan Ladd, Cheryl Nystrom, Jane Wilson, Mary Jane Fox, Rita Pickering, Jaime Stolte, Karin Billings

Update on members:

Kim Coddling represents Central KMA; Alice Hougardy represents Eastern KMA,

Corrections to February Notes: Add Jo Shipman to members present.

Standing Reports:

AMDD report - Joyce DeCunzo

Corrections Connection:

- Work plan is being developed on how the Corrections and Public Health and Human Services departments will work together.
- Behavioral Health Facilitator position has been posted.
- Gary Hamel is the administrator of the Behavioral Health Division.
- The Dr. X building will have 100 beds from MSP and 20 beds from forensic unit of MSH. MSH will be responsible for the treatment and Corrections would be responsible for security.
- Proposing an annex to the X building to add additional forensic beds.

MSH Census:

- Highest has been at 216 and has been over 200 for quite a long time.
- The hospital will reorganize the admission procedure to have persons admitted directly to the most appropriate treatment Pathways.

EPP:

- Impacting the PLA (present law adjustments) budget requests are: Caseloads (original projections had 4% built in and in actuality it is running at 5-6%)

FMAP (federal match for Medicaid) is changing for Montana (every 1% difference equals \$7 Million in general fund).

- Requests have been put into bundles. The new proposals:
 1. 72-hour crisis stabilization benefit, 24/7 televideo support from a contractor, training of hospitals; beef up community services
 2. Basic infrastructure for peer services
 3. WICHE contract for workforce development.
 4. FTE to be assigned as community liaison officer who will work directly with persons to connect to community services
 5. Build up the X building and annex for forensic patients at MSH (planned for 100 additional beds)
 6. Staff and basic infrastructure for MSH (currently staffed at 189 census). The daily rate for MSP is approximately \$60 and MSH \$375 Dr. X is estimated at \$200 daily costs
 7. Proposal for drug court.

Action:

Check with Fort Belknap who has contracted with Mayo Clinic to develop telemedicine and David Young of MSU who is setting up telemedicine in rural areas.

Mental Health Services Bureau – Lou Thompson:

Two additional Community Program Officers will be hired by July. They will be placed in Butte and Miles City;

Outpatient crisis response facilities' administrative rules are completed;

Received nine proposals for community response RFPs;

Home and Community Based waiver is moving forward. The targeted population will meet the level of nursing care. The waiver will fund 105 slots by January 2007, with 35 slots in three different locations.

Health Resources Division - Mary Dalton:

CMS is developing administrative rules on targeted case management rather than a law change.

All mental health centers (13 providers) will provide targeted case management through contracts. Targeted case management will be under a utilization review.

Kids Management Authority (KMA) proposals were received from Havre/Fort Belknap, Butte and Helena.

SED waiver can't count residential services, however, 10 demonstration projects are being proposed by CMS to provide residential services. This will be competitive with an initial letter of intent to be reviewed and selected to move forward on demonstration projects. The projects will be awarded in October. The Division will submit a letter of intent.

Other Council notes:

CIT: Training in June – Helena CIT will do up to 20 officers two times a year. BOCC grant to provide this training in June.

Suzanne Hopkins will attend the National Planning and Advisory Council meeting on behalf of the council.

The Council needs to start thinking who would like to move into leadership positions.

GAINS Conference Report – Joyce DeCunzo, Deb Matteuci and Lili Yamamoto:

The team identified technical assistance contacts for Montana.

Emphasis was place on having good data to determine quality and programs.

Various models were discussed that are proven to be cost effective such as diversion and re-entry programs.

The Intercept Model was discussed.

Action:

Suggest the committee that attended conference put together a one page information sheet on best practices.

Discussion:

A grant from the Department of Justice, using the intercept model, is available.

Yellowstone County will be submitting a grant application.

Task Force Reports

Crisis Services – Joan Daly

Create a vision for the state on mental health that would encompass all systems and create a systems transformation.

Action:

Joan Daly will draft letter to be sent to governor laying out the road map for mental health in Montana. The draft will be sent out to Council and complete review by July 31.

Peer Services – Suzanne Hopkins

Need to develop infrastructure for peer support. Develop training on an ongoing basis for peer support.

Corrections/Justice – Drew Schoening

The draft letter from the task force to Mignon Waterman was discussed.

Recommendations:

Look at regional training for law enforcement rather than the academy.

Page 4, item 9 is removed

Page 5, item 3 add access to medications

Have an introduction paragraph to set the stage of this being a focused effort.

Discussion:

Jail standards are in the process of being re-written. This would be an opportunity to collaborate with MACo and Montana Peace Officers Association in the development of these standards.

Federal statute states that the MHOAC is to determine the adequacy of mental health services.

Action:

Bill Kennedy will develop language and send to Drew for inclusion.

Council to review the draft letter and make comments to Drew by June 30 and by July 31 have another draft back out to the Council for discussion and action in August meeting.

Suggest that we invite the Governor to the Council meeting to present the recommendations from Corrections/Justice task force. Suggest that the Council publish a mental health report similar to Vocational Rehabilitation's annual report.

Development Committee- Jo Shipman

Nothing is in the bylaws defining the number of terms that can be served. Officers can serve up to two terms.

Action:

Request a change in bylaw to have elections at spring meeting. Notice needs to be sent out 10 days prior to meeting. Every year notice sent to incumbents in January and if would like to remain, send a letter to director. At same time, send out public notice of opening.

A letter will be sent out to all those persons who term is ending June 30, 2006 requesting a letter of interest.

Advocacy Committee – Jim FitzGerald

A communication draft plan will be sent out to all the stakeholder groups to solicit what communication would like to receive from each other. Post it on website on department.

The Council needs to determine the overarching issues with a balance between adult and children issues. The Advocacy Committee is responsible for disseminating that information. The August meeting will be used to educate the governor's office.

Action:

Draft information for next year's projects by end of July to be discussed in August meeting.

Block Grant – Bob Jahner

The Children Mental Health and the Mental Health Services Bureau are collaborating on the block grant plan.

Action:

Bare bones draft plan (parts 3 and 4) will be sent to Council June 30. Feedback due to AMDD by July 15.

Draft plan will be sent out to Council on August 1.

Mignon will draft executive summary.

Other Council Business:

Send out reminder meeting notice.

The Council will keep the dinner meeting but will not be reimbursed for dinner if it is provided.

Next meeting bring calendars to schedule meetings for the next year.